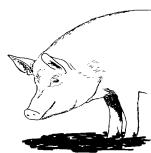


# ARKANSAS

## HOG AND PIG REPORT

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This report contains the results from the quarterly Hog Survey conducted during the first half of December 2004. Approximately 70 hog operations in Arkansas and 11,000 in the U.S. were contacted to collect hog information for the December 1 estimates. The data are also posted on our website at the Internet address above, and more detailed U.S. statistics at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and interviews for the survey.

### DECEMBER 1 HOG INVENTORY UP 6 PERCENT

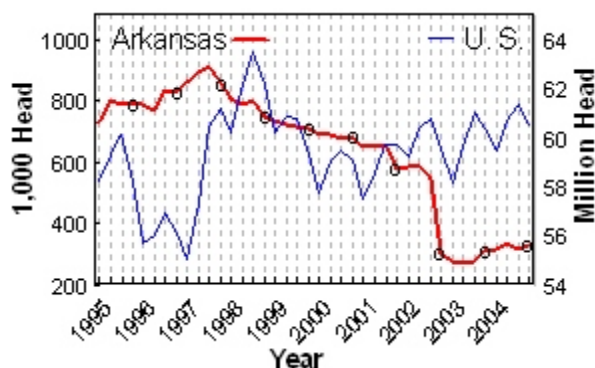
**ARKANSAS inventory of all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2004, totaled 330,000 head, up 6 percent from December 1, 2003. **Breeding hog inventory**, at 85,000 head, was unchanged, and market hog inventory, at 245,000 head, was up 9 percent from a year earlier. For the September-November 2004 quarter, **the pig crop** totaled 399,000 head, up 20 percent from the same quarter in 2003.

**Sows farrowing** during the fourth quarter was 42,000 head, up 20 percent. The average number of **pigs saved per litter** for the September-November quarter was 9.50 head, unchanged from the same quarter last year. Arkansas hog producers intend to have 44,000 sows farrow during the next December 2004-February 2005 quarter, 16 percent above the actual farrowings for the same period a year ago.

### DECEMBER 1 HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, 2003-2004, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

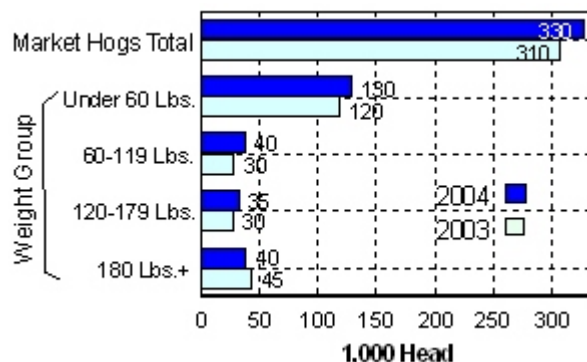
Item	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
<b>All Hogs and Pigs</b>	310	<b>330</b>	+6	60,444	60,501	0
<b>Breeding</b>	85	<b>85</b>	0	6,009	5,969	-1
<b>Market</b>	225	<b>245</b>	+9	54,434	54,531	0
<b>Market Hogs &amp; Pigs by Weight Groups:</b>						
<b>Under 60 pounds</b>	120	<b>130</b>	+8	19,778	19,636	-1
<b>60-119 Pounds</b>	30	<b>40</b>	+33	13,238	13,439	+2
<b>120-179 Pounds</b>	30	<b>35</b>	+17	11,109	11,286	+2
<b>180 Pounds and Over</b>	45	<b>40</b>	-11	10,311	10,171	-1

**Quarterly Hog and Pig Inventory  
Arkansas and U. S., 1995-2004**



o - denotes Arkansas December 1 inventory.

**Market Hog Inventory by Weight Group  
Arkansas, December 1, 2003-2004**

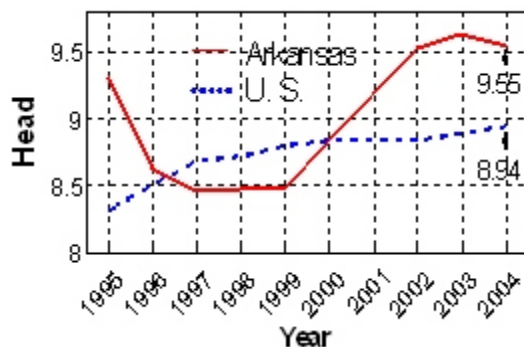


**SOWS FARROWING, PIGS PER LITTER AND PIG CROP, 2003-2004  
BY QUARTER AND ANNUAL, AND INTENTIONS FOR 2005, ARKANSAS AND U. S.**

Item/Period	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
	2003	2004	Intent, 2005 <sup>1</sup>	% Chg. 2003-04	2003	2004	Intent, 2005 <sup>1</sup>	% Chg. 2003-04
<b>SOWS FARROWING:</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>				<i>1,000 Head</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Dec - Feb <sup>2</sup>	41	38	44	-7	2,769	2,836	2,855	+2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Mar - May	36	41	44	+14	2,886	2,870	2,868	0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Jun - Aug	37	43	-	+16	2,918	2,888	-	-1
4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. Sep - Nov	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	-	<b>+20</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>2,852</b>	-	<b>0</b>
ANNUAL (Dec-Nov <sup>2 3</sup> )	149	164	-	+10	11,429	11,445	-	0
<b>PIGS PER LITTER:</b>	<i>Head</i>				<i>Head</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Dec - Feb <sup>2</sup>	9.70	9.60	-	+5	8.81	8.85	-	0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Mar - May	9.70	9.70	-	0	8.88	8.93	-	+1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Jun - Aug	9.60	9.40	-	-2	8.90	9.01	-	+1
4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. Sep - Nov	<b>9.50</b>	<b>9.50</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>8.93</b>	<b>8.96</b>	-	<b>0</b>
ANNUAL (Dec-Nov <sup>2</sup> )	9.63	9.55	-	-1	8.88	8.94	-	+1
<b>PIG CROP <sup>4</sup>:</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>				<i>1,000 Head</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Dec - Feb <sup>2</sup>	398	365	-	-8	24,400	25,105	-	+3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Mar - May	349	398	-	+14	25,629	25,633	-	0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Jun - Aug	355	404	-	+14	25,974	26,010	-	0
4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. Sep - Nov	<b>333</b>	<b>399</b>	-	<b>+20</b>	<b>25,488</b>	<b>25,558</b>	-	<b>0</b>
ANNUAL (Dec-Nov <sup>2 3</sup> )	1,435	1,566	-	+9	101,490	102,305	-	+1

<sup>1</sup> Intentions. <sup>2</sup> December preceding year. <sup>3</sup> Annual totals may not add due to rounding. <sup>4</sup> Number of pigs born during the quarter that were still on hand on the first day of following quarter, or had been sold.

**Annual Average Pigs per Litter  
Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2004**



**Annual Total Pig Crop  
Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2004**

